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Bad Weather Conditions

Does not affect our big Clearance Sale.

Thursday was another big day for us notwithstanding the rain and wind.

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CAMERON SPUNKY.

Says Benedict Is Doing Serious Wrong and Asks Chickasaws' Aid.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 10.—The battle for supremacy over common schools of the Indian Territory, which has been waged with increasing favor between State Superintendent Cameron and John D. Benedict, superintendent of Indian schools in the Indian Territory, reached a pronouncedly acute stage today when in a letter addressed to Governor H. D. Johnston of the Chickasaw nation and the Chickasaw legislature, Superintendent Cameron recommended that Superintendent Benedict should be arrested and tried on the charge of obstructing public officers in discharge of their official duties.

Superintendent Cameron holds that the alleged action of Superintendent Benedict in attempting to thwart the county superintendents of the Indian Territory section in their efforts to carry out the plans of the state superintendent in organizing districts and preparing for a term of school this year constitutes an offense the same as if he were attempting to prevent an officer from performing his duty in seeking to arrest a man charged with crime.

The letter denounces the actions of Superintendent Benedict in plain terms and calls upon the Chickasaw legisla-

ture to adopt a resolution asking the secretary of the interior to immediately withdraw from the state all control of schools.

Hon. Cheesie McIntosh of Checotah, a member of the Creek tribe, who was for four years tribal superintendent of schools in his nation, is here in the interest of school regulations. He is an ardent supporter of the Cameron idea of ejecting national control of schools from the state. In discussing the situation he charged that the department is seeking to retain these schools for political purposes.

ON REMOVING RESTRICTIONS.

Senators and Congressmen to Have a Conference With Secretary Garfield This morning.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senators Owen and Gore and other members of the Oklahoma delegation will have another conference with Secretary Garfield in the morning on the subject of removing restrictions on Indian lands. The Oklahoma delegation has not as yet made any definite move in congress having waited in the hope that Secretary Garfield could be moved to support their ideas. So far the secretary has shown no disposition to take their view of the matter. It is expected that tomorrow's conference will have some tangible result.

MESSAGE TO SENATE TO INSURE DEPOSITS

HASKELL COMPLIMENTS BODY ON LIMITED LOBBY—MAKES SUGGESTIONS.

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL BANKS HAVE PLAN, IF CONTROLLER'S RULING HOLDS.

FOR EMERGENCY STATUTES WILL ORGANIZE A COMPANY

Recommends Law Protecting Oil and Gas Values on School Lands. Would Provide for Federal Sites.

Concern to Be operated in the Same Manner as State Proposes to Insure Deposits in State Banks.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 10.—The governor sent three messages to the senate today, one complimenting the legislature upon limiting lobbying, of which the railroads and corporations, he said, had recognized the propriety. He suggested that all representatives of all such companies who had filed their names and addresses with either branch of the legislature be mailed copies of bills in which their companies were interested and they be given an opportunity to be heard. He also called attention to the lack of protection afforded oil and gas values on school lands, and recommended emergency laws which would protect the state in the lease of school land for gas, oil and mineral purposes.

A third message recommended the passing of laws which would give the state's consent for the federal government to purchase sites for federal buildings, postoffices, custom houses, etc., with an exemption from taxation and under the usual federal rules.

The senate today passed for a second time the bill by Messrs. Franklin and Brook, covering the transfer of cases from the federal to the state courts, which would have been properly triable here had a state heretofore existed. The bill passed with the required vote.

The concurrent resolution of Mr. Taylor was passed, providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the necessity and kind of additional institutions the state needs and to report March 1, a month earlier than has been intended.

Senator Davis announced that he would provide for a commission to visit all towns offering sites or bonuses for the location of state institutions. He said he believes the work should be a matter of business and not politics.

House bill remitting the taxes for 1907 was signed in the senate and sent to the House. The bill has been enrolled and should be creating a commission of three to examine presented to Gov. Haskell tomorrow.

Senator Brook introduced a barbers' bill, barbers, inspect shops and barber schools. The bill contemplates no Sunday work in such shops.

Anti-trust bills were introduced by Senators Davis and Redwine.

The House had no session today.

MRS. BARREY COMING.

The Popular Shakespearian Reader Has Consented to Give a Series of Entertainments in Ada.

The people of Ada will be glad to learn that Mrs. Maggie Barry, one of the South's most prominent readers, has consented to render a series of four entertainments in Ada. She will first appear on the evenings of the 17th and 18th inst., the two remaining engagements will be filled at a later date. Mrs. Barry is the teacher of literature in Kid-Key college and has gained a wide reputation in her renditions of Shakespeare. This course will be highly instructive as well as entertaining and the people of Ada should be liberal in their patronage of the course. The readings will be under the auspices of the XX Century Club and the proceeds will go to the public library fund. Season tickets will be sold and you may expect the ladies to solicit a purchase. Further announcements will appear later.

Mrs. Fischer Dead.

L. J. Crowder received a message today from C. H. Fischer, of Tucumcari, N. M., chronicling the death of Mrs. Fischer. The message stated that the remains would be brought to Ada, and would arrive on Sunday or Monday. It will be remembered that the little son of the deceased died only a few weeks ago while Mrs. Fischer was visiting with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Flemming.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 10.—In the event national banks of Oklahoma are not permitted to accept advantages of guaranteeing their deposits under the state law by reason of the controller's ruling they will organize an insurance company to be known as the National Bank Depositors' Guarantee company, under which insurance may be obtained. The plan is to require all National or state banks desiring insurance to take stock equal to 1 per cent of their average daily deposits for the previous year, and to operate the company as the state proposes in the insurance for deposits in state banks.

A committee of the Oklahoma-Indian Territory Bankers' association has drafted the papers, and they will be sent to all banks for a referendum vote. If this is the only plan under which National banks may operate it is hoped to have the company in existence by Feb. 1.

According to the Controller's last call the deposits on Oklahoma National banks amounted to \$43,000,000 which would mean a capitalization for the insurance company of \$430,000 fully paid up.

COURT ENFORCES DIGNITY.

Oklahoma Supreme Court in Session at Hotel Reminds Bell Boy of Fitness of Things.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 10.—That the State Supreme court is a body of proper dignity was clearly established yesterday when a bell boy of the Ione hotel tread on the carpet and spoke. Sessions of the court for the present are being held in the hotel assembly room. It is the custom when a guest is called at the hotel for the "bell hops" to march through the corridors and shout the guest's name. At this place the "hops" are rather proficient, because they go wherever there is a gathering and in search of the desired guest.

Yesterday the supreme court was hearing a jurisdictional case of so much interest in the new state, when a bell boy as black as ever came out of the south wing, went down the aisle and called:

"Mistah Pat Nagle of Kingfisher—a call foh yo'."

Chief Justice Williams directed the bailiff to arrest the boy and bring him to the bar, of which there is only one kind in Guthrie. The boy heard the order before the bailiff did and disappeared through an avenue in the hotel unknown to those who do not live there. After a chase in which the bail-

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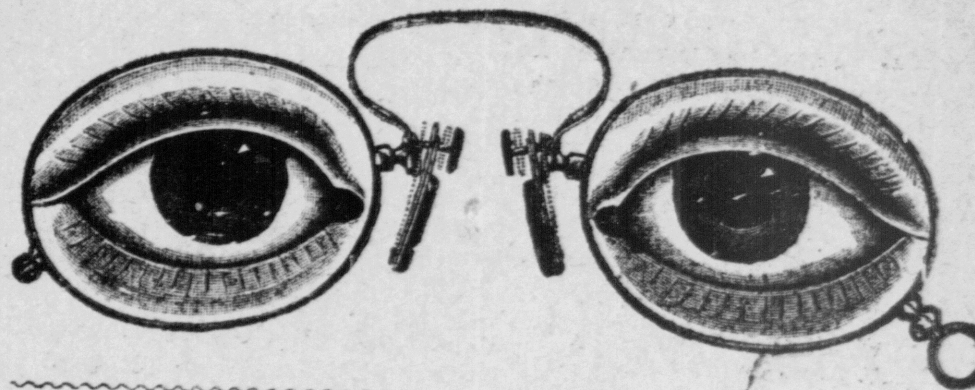
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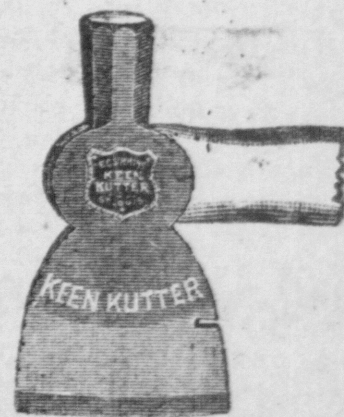
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It was not even on the card the boy was rounded up in the basement, and when told to appear before the supreme court, admitted that his finish was in sight. Once before the judges and frightened to the limit, Judge Williams, with his characteristic pose and pointing of his index finger, reminded the boy that his business was to be careful, and if he had to speak to anyone in the court room to do it in a whisper. "Just remember, you boys, that we are running a supreme court" said the chief justice, "and not a political convention."

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PLACE IS OFFERED TO TRACEY.

Beaver City Man May Be Member of Segregated Commission

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 10.—W. F. Hendricks, member of the segregated commission, who was recently made assistant secretary of the school land board, in charge of the farm loan department, resigned today as member of the former commission and Speaker Murray who was president of the constitutional convention, tendered the place to Fred Tracey of Beaver City. Tracey was a delegate to the constitutional convention. The segregated commission will hold a meeting in McAlester Jan. 14.

OPINION BY MR. ROOSEVELT.

Present Occupant of White House Said to Have Expressed Belief That Taft Will Be Nominated.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—The Record-Herald will tomorrow print the following from Washington:

President Roosevelt was today reported to have predicted that Secretary of War Taft will be nominated for president on the first ballot at the Chicago convention and that the nomination will then be made unanimous.

The prediction was made to callers at the white house. The president's prophecy is based on trustworthy information from every state in the union. He believes that Mr. Taft will have from 600 to 950 votes on the first ballot, including the votes of the west and south, many of the middle west states and half of New England.

The president also believes Mr. Taft will have a majority of the New York votes especially if Gov. Hughes remains silent on public questions.

She was the pride of the country round.

Envy by other girls was she: In beauty and health she did abound. By taking Rocky Mountain Tea.

G. M. RAMSEY

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that T. Frank Smith, a minor seventeen years of age will, through his father and next friend, T. J. Smith, after two weeks publication of this notice, file a petition before the Hon. A. T. West, judge of the district court of Pontotoc county, State of Oklahoma, to have his disabilities removed for the purpose of making sale of lot number 2, in block number 196, of the incorporated town of Roff, Oklahoma, which lot is held by and in the name of said minor, T. Frank Smith.

Witness my hand this 27th day of December, A. D., 1907.

T. FRANK SMITH,

By T. J. Smith, father and next friend to said minor. dit wit

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SOCIETY COLUMN

Edited by Mrs. W. S. Thomson.

Surprise Party.

Taking advantage of the beautiful holiday weather a number of ladies went in a body to visit Mrs. Furman last Saturday afternoon. The time was spent in playing Forty-Two. With the use of the indispensable chafin dish, Mrs. Furman assisted by Miss Torbett and Thompson prepared appetizing Welsh rarebit, pickles, olives, coffee, cake and a generous supply of home made candies. The self invited guests were: Mesdames Neathery, Conn, Ebey, Torbett, Galbraith, Bills, Browall, Thornton, Mason, Rodarmel, Thomson and Misses Torbett, Clyde Thompson, Vera and Edna Fulton.

The XX Century Club met with Mrs. Tally on Tuesday. At present the members are studying "As You Like It" and find that "they like it" exceedingly well. Next Tuesday the club meets with Mrs. W. S. Thomson.

The following ladies answered to roll call at the Baptist Aid Society last Wednesday: Mesdames McKeown, Poole, M. Kinney, Brawley, Duncan, Milhuff, Torbett and Winn. Great plans are being made for the new year. On Wednesday the society will meet with Mrs. Geo. Cox.

Six candidates were initiated into the Rebecca lodge at their last meeting.

Miss Sherwood of Gainesville, Tex., is the guest of Mrs. George Frierson.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. W. B. Jones with an unusually large attendance on Monday. Several new members joined the society. The next meeting will be with Mrs. John Beard.

Yesterday's Oklahoman has the following account of the wedding of Miss Mamie Fulton and Mr. T. G. Samuels: "Miss Mamie Fulton, formerly of Sherman, Tex., but lately of Oklahoma City, was married to Mr. Thomas G. Samuels, of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, last evening at half after eight o'clock at the White Temple, by the Rev. Mr. Percival Knickerbocker. A few friends of the bride attended.

The bride is the sister of Mrs. J. E. Bills and Miss Edna Fulton, and has many friends in Ada who wish for the happy couple a large share of the joys of this life.

The series of lectures and talks which will be given by Mrs. Maggie Barry, will be quite a treat to the lovers of Shakespeare. Both of the literary clubs are studying Shakespeare's plays at present. The XX Century Club studying "As You Like It" and the Sorosis studying "Macbeth" the students in the High school also having just completed a study of Macbeth.

Dr. and Mrs. McMillan entertained a few friends informally last Friday night.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the week among the young people was the party given by Miss Gladys Torbett on Tuesday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Clyde Thompson of Wills Point, Texas.

The fascinating game of "Hearts" was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people. One interesting point about the refreshments was that the cakes were baked by the guest of honor. Miss Thompson is a champion cake baker, her angel food cakes especially having won several prizes at exhibits of industrial departments in Texas. The guests were: Miss Nina Thompson and Mr. Holt, Miss Stovall, Mr. Timberlake and Miss Timberlake, Miss Taylor and Mr. Innes, Miss Guinn and Mr. Dean, Miss Warren and Mr. Terrell, Miss Smith, Dr. Thompson and Miss King, Miss White and Mr. Haraway, Miss Fulton and Mr. Epperson, Miss Haynes, Miss Harrell and Mr. Carlton Weaver, Miss Katz and Mr. Wanderlohr, Miss Pupkin and Mr. Eddleman, Miss Ula Claire Simms and Mr. Clark, Miss Simms and Mr. Gwin Messrs. Maddox and Smith.

Little Miss Corinne Katz entertained her young friends Friday night at the home of her parents on Rennie and Fourteenth street, complimentary to her cousin. Miss Corinne Erlich of St. Louis. Such delightful games as "Beloved," "Clap in and clap out," "winkum" and spin the plate were enjoyed between the hours of seven and ten. Cheese sandwiches, olives, hot chocolate, cake, fruit and home-made candies were served the young folks. Among the invited guests were: Besie, Glenn and Lester Wilson, Elizabeth Ingram, Lucile Hale, Fannie Henderson, Leona Steed, Leona and Oscar Chauncey, Katherine and Jack Reed, Emma, and Ben Thompson, Glenn and Lowery Harrell, Maude and Max Brents, Sallie and Lurinda Walsh, Chambliss Sims, Kathleen Smith,

George Davidson, Harmon Ebey, Henry Marshall Furman, Edgar Allen, Hugh Biles, Byron Sledge, Isaac Rosenfield, Ben Tolbert, Ralph and Claude McMillan.

Sorosis Notes.

On Friday, the weather man seemed to take a particular spite, and gave us a touch of winter. It was cold, stormy, and the wind blew a perfect gale, but it was not enough to discourage the members of Sorosis. Ten of them were given a hearty welcome at the pleasant home of Mrs. Hunter on 11th street.

This being "Annual Day," the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. S. Thomson; Vice-President, Mrs. Sledge, Secretary, Mrs. Constant, Treasurer, Mrs. McMillan.

The work for next year was discussed, and the club will possibly study two of Shakespeare's plays.

It was a pleasure to have as guests Mrs. Spell and Mrs. McCall, who formerly lived at Gatesville, Texas. The ladies are both skilled musicians, and at Mrs. Hunter's request, Mrs. Spell rendered a violin solo, "Auntie Laurie" (variations) Being heartily applauded responded to an encore—"Selected."

On invitation Mrs. Broadfoot followed with a vocal solo, "Where dreams Come True," which was highly appreciated.

Then by special request Mrs. McCall rendered the vocal solo, "My Dream of You," every one being delighted with it.

All four of these musical numbers were certainly a treat.

The hostess then served a delicious two course luncheon, which was enjoyed by all.

And thus, the last sweet strains of music floated away, good-byes were said, and all departed to their several homes, declaring Mrs. Hunter a royal hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Broadfoot.

Mrs. Tally entertained a number of young people on Friday evening for her sister Miss White of Waco, Tex. The enjoyable game for the evening was "Military Forty-Two" each table representing a fort, head table being Fort Sunrise, each guest who won a game at this table was given a silk flag as a souvenir. The guests were Misses Thompson of Wills Point, Tex., Sherwood of Gainesville, Pupkin of Ripley Tennessee, Katz, Torbett, Fulton and White; Messrs. Warren, Mays, Terrell, Thompson, Haraway, Smith and Otis Weaver.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church met at the manse with Mrs. Browne, on the first Monday of the New Year. All the members were present and one visitor. After a very helpful devotional service conducted by the president, the society according to its rules on the first meeting of the new year elected officers. The following were elected: President, Mrs. W. W. Sledge; Vice President, Mrs. C. W. McMillan; Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Browne; Treasurer, Mrs. Orville Sneed.

The society enters on this year's work with a very hopeful future.

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We have prices on Clothing that will astonish you. Come and see for yours-If. Any old time you drop in you will find prices that will open your eyes. Our sales are all cut sales, the same in July as in January. You will find our prices from January to December 25 per cent cheaper than any other place in Ada. You don't have to spend much money to get a big bill of goods. A \$10.00 bill will clothe yourself and whole family. You can get a Man's Suit for \$3.00, a Ladies' Tailor Made Suit for \$4.00, and a Boy's Suit for \$1.50. We are the

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From last Monday, December 2d, to continue four months, ending March 31st, The News inaugurated a great SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST devoted to securing a larger and more extended circulation and to properly rewarding those who may become our associates and helpers in this undertaking.

All the premiums will be listed in the order of their conservatively estimated values. At the expiration of the contest, the premium awards will be made by the contest judges who will be selected with a view to their fitness, based on their reputations for honesty and fair dealing.

To the lady contestant securing the highest number of votes there will be given a \$500 upright, standard brand piano, accompanied with a guarantee of ten years purchased from the Mathews Music Company of Ada, a most responsible music house. See splendid piano displayed in their store window. To the contestant, Ladies and Gentlemen included—securing the second highest number of votes there will be given a warranty deed to a Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollar dwelling lot situated in the most select part of Sunrise Addition, Ada, Okla. This pretty lot has a prospective value of easily Eleven Hundred and Fifty Dollars, for it is level and high and close in, and is the adjoining lot to one on which is constructed splendid two story \$1,000 home. Within one block of the lot which will be given away is situated the elegant homes of Tom Chambliss, Henry Furman, Tom Hope, Dr. Legon, Mrs. Sowers, Dr. King, Henry Young, A. M. Croxton and J. E. Miles, which represents actual real estate values of more than Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars.

There will be several other premiums included in other valuable real estate situated in the more substantial towns in this section, and in addition a \$100 standard typewriter and an \$50.00 life scholarship in Hill's business college.

This is called The News \$1,500 Subscription Contest, for it is proposed to give that much in value in premiums. So attractive will be this contest, that those entering may safely feel certain that for a few week's pleasant occupation, there may be secured not only wide reputation for popularity and high standing, but, as well the ownership of substantial property, which under ordinary circumstances would take many long months of hard labor to acquire.

The News suggests that you be first from your community to get in the contest. You will be gratified to learn the number of your friends who will save News coupons good for six votes for you and as well renew their subscriptions and become new subscribers. For every dollar collected in any manner on subscription to the News there will be credited in favor of contestant whom subscriber may designate One Hundred Votes. It has been decided that for every dollar paid on subscription to The Daily News, there will only be allowed fifty votes instead of One Hundred Votes as in the Weekly News and instead of each coupon in the Daily News being good for six votes as in the Weekly News, each Coupon will only be worth one vote.

This premium contest is inaugurated principally in behalf of The Weekly News, and it is determined that the rules promulgated shall not militate against the boys and girls and men and women in the country districts. After this week the location of the premiums in contest will be published that all may determine for themselves the value of News premium offers.

All interested parties are cordially invited to communicate with the editor, either through correspondence or by personal call.

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B. C. Berry will dye for you.

Prof. Kennedy of Frisco was in Ada today.

Bring in your boy and let us fit him with a good suit and overcoat while you can both for the price of one. COX-GREER-McDONALD CO.

C. I. Wolfe was over from Francis Friday.

The J. E. Jones Drug Co. will move to their new place, the Steed store, the 15th.

W. E. Mooney and family of Stonewall, are visiting Mrs. W. A. Alexander.

Jones! He pays the freight. Delivers all drugs and prescriptions. Phone 10.

Mrs. Nellie Stick, mother of Mrs. John Scribner, died at her home at Stonewall Friday.

Take your old clothes to Berry at Crowder's Barber shop; he will make them like new.

John McCoy of Stonewall is in Ada today.

Clothing half price in our big clearance sale. COX-GREER-McDONALD CO.

John Chapman went to Stonewall and returned Friday.

Will deliver prescriptions and medicines. J. E. JONES DRUG CO.

Gabel Brown of Franks was attending court here Friday.

Sweet California oranges 40c doz. Postoffice News Stand. T. O. CULLINS

Mrs. Jessie Parker returned to her home at Wynnewood this morning after a several days visit with relatives.

Don't pass up my line of bookkeeping outfits, if they did arrive late. DR. HOLLEY.

Mrs. M. C. Lee and little daughter returned to Citra this morning, they were accompanied by Miss Nannie Couch.

Invoice ledgers, cash books, day books and journals, just arrived at Holley's Drug Store.

Dick Couch is reported ill today.

Half price on Clothing means something, especially at our store because it is an established fact that we carry the best in town. COX-GREER-McDONALD CO.

Mrs. W. W. Rader left this morning for a few days visit with relatives at Stonewall.

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Wm. Clark returned from Oklahoma City this morning.

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Mrs. J. C. Hynds who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Gus Kline, returned to her home at Sulphur this morning.

Those desiring to subscribe for the Oklahoma Baptist Journal may see T. B. Harrell, L. J. Austin or call at the News office.

W. H. Freeze and family went to Kiowa this morning on a short visit.

FOR SALE—One good milch cow, calf about two weeks old. Joe Rushing, Ada, Okla. 3td

Mrs. T. A. Bonham returned to her home at Stonewall this morning after a short visit with Mrs. John Crawford.

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Mrs. J. E. Bills returned from Oklahoma City this morning where she went to attend the wedding of her sister.

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Mrs. Grace Akers came in this morning from Oklahoma City for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Holley.

Subscribe for the Daily News. Why? Because it gives the news while it is news; not history.

Lon Conley, the young man afflicted with the knife wound at the hands of Jim Eldridge, is reported in a very serious condition at the home of Writ Ervin.

Joint Meeting.

The young people's societies of the city are invited to meet with the Epworth League at the Methodist church at 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

Leader, P. G. Ingram.

PROGRAM.

What Should Be the Relation of the Young People's Societies to the Church?—Miles Grigsby.

Our Opportunities of 1907 and How We Used Them.—A. M. Croxton.

Our Opportunities for 1908 and How Will We Improve Them.—J. W. Dean.

The Importance of United Efforts.—J. W. Beard.

What the Rising Generation Owes to the Church.—Robt. Wimbish.

These short talks will be interspersed with songs and a very pleasant and profitable hour is anticipated. Every body cordially invited to attend this union service.

Just think of the cold weather and come at once to the Grand Leader for a good overcoat for \$4.90; a good heavy cloak for \$5.98; blankets, 89c; ladies' underwear for 19c each. Everything in the house reduced in price during our Original Clearing Sale. GRAND LEADER.

Wind Was Cruel.

A steady northern gale has been terrorizing everybody since early Friday morning. It blew hard and fast all day Friday but last night, as John Cleveland, expressed it this morning, "it quit blowing and went to pushing." And it did. This morning reports from over the city indicate that it pushed windows out of buildings, houses off of blocks, boards off of fences, and right through anybody's whiskers that dared confront it. The poor women can scarcely be found venturing out of their homes. Few farmers dared wrestle with the gale either today or yesterday as was evident by the almost depopulated streets today.

Sunday at the Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching morning and evening. Subject in the morning "Justification by Faith." The Sunshine Society meets at 2 p. m. The Christian Endeavor Society meets at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited. I shall see that the house is warm and comfortable. J. R. BROWNE, Pastor.

1271 Children.

The census returns of the Ada school district show that there are 1,272 people between the ages of 4 and 21. One hundred and forty of these are outside of the city limits. This is not a bad showing.

At the Methodist.

There will be preaching at the First Methodist church Sunday morning and evening by the pastor. Everybody invited to attend the services and strangers welcomed. T. L. RIPPEY, Pastor.

THE "SECRET OF SECRETS"

In Store Advertising.

One of the wisest of men wrote:

"Suffer any person to tell us his story, morning and evening, for but a twelve-month, AND HE WILL BECOME OUR MASTER!"

In the above sentence we have, in a nutshell, the INNERMOST SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISING—frequency, and persistency, and unvarying continuity in the telling of the story of store or enterprise. There are many other things to be said of successful advertising, but in the above quotation is found the real philosophy, the real secret—**THE HEART OF THE WHOLE MATTER!**

This coupon, properly filled in, is good for ONE vote in the News' \$1,500.00 SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST. I cast ONE VOTE represented in this Coupon in favor of _____ of _____, P. O. _____, Subscribed.



WOMEN'S NOTIONS!

Are many and varied, but we think we can satisfy them all—at least in our line. Suppose you pay us a call and look over our assortment.

HAIR PINS, wire and horn. Back COMBS, side combs, under prices, too.

NEEDLES—Stillwell's best quality 2 papers for 5c

Ladies' Gents', and Children's STOCKINGS.

TOWELS.

DARNING COTTON—Fast black, 2 spools for 5c

Ne-plus-ultra BRASS PINS, 360 pins in a paper, 5c

A line of new and popular WRIST BAGS, 15c, 25c, 50c, 7c and \$1.

SATURDAY NEXT!

We are going to sell some more of those good, serviceable, four-strand brooms at 0c, one to a customer with 25c worth of other goods.

We respectfully thank you for your past patronage, and assure you we shall always endeavor to give you a square deal. We solicit your business.

THE Nickel Store
AND CHINA HALL
S. M. SHAW, Prop.

HON. MORTON RUTHERFORD

The Distinguished Muskogean, Late Candidate for U. S. Senate, in Ada.

Several Ada citizens were delighted to meet Col. Morton Rutherford today who was here on legal business. Mr. Rutherford always engages the greatest respect from all those who witness his activities either before the bar or on the political field. During his candidacy for the U. S. senate his entire course was marked by that dignified and intelligent bearing which reflected most creditably on his supporters among whom were many of the strong democratic minds of the state.

Col. Rutherford remains one of the state's leading democratic factors and now when the ascendancy of the national democracy is by no means of doubtful dream, much accomplishment may be safely prospected in behalf of himself and the party by this man of superb militant democratic spirit.

Court Recesses.

The district court adjourned today till Monday morning. Most of the morning was consumed in the case of the Roff Cotton Oil Mill vs. U. G. Winn. This case was not finished however. Jim Eldridge plead not guilty to the charge of assault and his case was set for the 16th inst.

The grand jury will also reconvene Monday and resume their duties. To date only two true bills have been returned. These are: Jim Eldridge, assault; and F. M. Richardson, larceny. Several indictments for misdemeanors have been found, but none yet returned.

Wedding Tour.

It is reported that the wedding tour of Mr. and Mrs. Garber who were married a week since at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Katz, was early interrupted by a train wreck near Sapulpa in which the happy twain narrowly escaped injury. As it was, it is said they were compelled to walk a mile in a down pour of rain before they could resume their journey, which includes the principle points of interest in the north.

All work done by me is guaranteed to be the best. . . . B. C. BERRY.

Never to Late—75-75.

Leonard Nero, 75, of Maxwell, and Tennessee Stevens, aged 75, colored, have procured license to marry, and if one or both do not die with old age right away, there will be a wedding ceremony soon.

Ora, 11-year-old daughter of Blair Davis at Center, died today of typhoid fever. She was a grand daughter of Mrs. E. M. Caldwell of this city. The funeral services will be conducted in Ada Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin L. Brown and two charming little daughters, Misses Laverne and Mosele, who have been visiting home folks and friends for the past three weeks, returned to their home in Garard, Kan., today.

Miss Alice Jeffres left Friday for Ft. Worth, Tex., her future home. Mrs. Jeffres will follow soon.

Will Corral of Fitzhugh was in today and reports his wife and three children ill.

R. M. Miller, who lives six miles northeast of town was here today and marketed several dozen furs.

License were issued today in favor of Ed Harris of Oakman and Lillie Buck, Ada.

Pate Earnest, near Hird, is ill with bronchitis.

For Mr. Shouldknow.

Brains, Skill, Paper, Experience, More Brains, Ink, More Skill, More Experience.

This is the formula for all good printing. While a cheaper concoction can be turned out by omitting the brains and using incompetency as an adulterant for skill and experience, long usage has demonstrated that the above formula is the best.

To insure the use of the best ingredients and to avoid substitution, this prescription should be taken to

DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWS PRINTING LABORATORY,
Ada, Oklahoma
Telephone No. 4.

CRYSTAL ICE AND COAL CO.

The Old Reliable Coal dealers of Ada are now on the market for your coal trade. **Fancy McAlester Lump Coal.** Free and prompt delivery, but you must pay the driver for coal, for it is absolutely CASH.

For Spot Cash

you can buy Groceries at rock bottom prices, at

East Main street
Phone 303

C. S. ALDRICH

BEST LINE IN ADA

Wall Paper LARGEST LINE
BEST ASSORTMENT
... HONEST PRICES

INGRAM PAINT COMPANY

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Oxaline.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Peroxide makes the blood more bloodier. Oxaline makes the grass grow larger. Spread it on!

The Dallas News.

The Dallas Morning News can be found on sale at the Postoffice news stand and Ramsey's drug store. Subscribers may get papers at Ramsey's.

If you have not already, do not fail to take in the Grand Leader Original Sale. The store is crowded with eager buyers and in order to take advantage of the rare bargains offered, you will have to come quick.

SHADE TREES.

The season for planting Shade Trees is here and you should beautify your property by planting. Call on or write **CHARLES RAY,** East 15th St., Ada, Okla.

PRISCO TIME TABLE.

Effective December 1st, 1907.

NORTH BOUND.

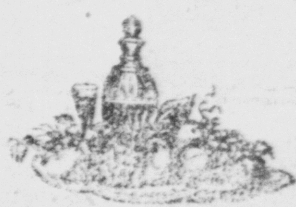
No. 508 Eastern Express... 9:58 a. m.
No. 510 Meteor... 4:00 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 509 Meteor... 10:20 a. m.
No. 507 Sherman Express... 8:53 p. m.

ADA STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

Is given up, to be best. Do Largest Agency Work of any plant in this Territory.



When you want to enjoy a good appetizing meal at a moderate charge, come to the

English Kitchen

everything strictly first class and clean. Once you eat here you'll become a regular patron.

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Will do a general Civil and Criminal Practice.
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Rooms 1, 2 and 3 Nat'l Bank Bldg.

You'll be healthy and happy if your liver and bowels work naturally. Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea keeps these organs working right, brings robust health to all. Try it now. The Tea or Tablets. G. M. RAMSEY.

The Old

O. K. MEAT MARKET

is now conducted by Wright Bros. the old-time meat market men of Ada, who will be pleased to meet all their old time customers. Fresh and cured meats. Pure home rendered hog lard. Come in and see us. Courteous treatment. Freshest of meats.

WRIGHT BROS.

Washington Gossip

Interesting Bits of News Picked Up Here and There at the National Capital

ELOPEMENT IN HIGH LIFE STUNS CAPITAL SOCIETY



WASHINGTON.—Capital society was much cut up by the elopement of Mrs. Alma Marie von Haake Cathcart, wife of the son of a millionaire, with Earl W. Pritchard, an ensign in the navy until dismissed "for the good of the service" after running away with Mrs. Cathcart. It is said the lorn husband, R. Harry Cathcart, Jr., will apply for divorce.

The beginning of the romance dates back about three years. Alma Marie von Haake was then 18 years of age and one of the most popular girls in the younger army set in Washington. She lived with her parents in the Hammond Court, a fashionable apartment house. She was, and still is, a dainty, vivacious girl, with a striking mass of chestnut hair.

ADMIRAL DEWEY AND WIFE VACATE "GIFT" MANSION



ADMIRAL and Mrs. Dewey have moved. The house on Rhode Island avenue which was presented to the admiral by the American people not long after the Manila bay victory finally has been vacated. Everybody remembers what resentment there was when the admiral made the people's gift over to his wife, and then in the face of the storm another transfer was made and the residence became the property of the admiral's son, or matters were so arranged that it would become his property eventually.

PRESS AGENTS ANXIOUS TO SHOW IN WHITE HOUSE



ALL THE PRESS agents in the country seem to have got excited over Philip Kearney Mindi's success in getting President Roosevelt to donate the East room of the White House for a performance by his new attraction, the Japanese wrestler Hiti-chiyama. Only a few days ago Charles Frohman was talking about giving private performances in the White House as a far-off dream, and, behold! Mindi has gone and done it. Not only that, but he got the president to bring in the French and Japanese ambassadors, the full tennis cabinet and a quorum of the real cabinet.

The stunt of bringing the Russian Giant to the White House and having

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND A WESTERN MILLIONAIRE



CHARLES F. ADAMS, a descendant of John Quincy Adams, lives on Massachusetts avenue in a house formerly occupied by Bishop Hurst. His brother, Henry Adams, has a home next to that of Mrs. John Hay. You will find descendants of the second president of the United States all over the union, and the smaller number of them hear the name of Adams. It is a prolific family and it is a standing contradiction to the statement that all of the old New

Among the scores of admirers who besieged the Von Haake home was Pritchard, then 21 years old. His athletic figure, more than six feet two inches in height, was notable even among the Washington crowds, where there are so many big, erect men. He was then in his second year at Annapolis, having been appointed by Congressman Overstreet of Indiana. His home was in Indianapolis.

Every time Pritchard obtained leave of absence he ran down to Washington. Every time the Annapolis crew raced—the big middy rowed at number three—Miss Von Haake waved her blue flag and cheered.

A year and a half ago young Cathcart met Miss Von Haake in Philadelphia. He was then a student in the University of Pennsylvania. He took a small part in athletics, too, but he is by no means the striking figure Pritchard is.

Cathcart is a reticent, reserved young man. He was then about 23 years old.

Pretty Miss Von Haake and Cathcart were married last June in Newburgh on the Hudson, the bridegroom's home. Within a month the couple quarreled, but peace was made. In September Cathcart and his bride visited Philadelphia. The husband left the bride at the railway station while he went to look after baggage. When he returned she was gone.

It is not wide of the mark, probably, to say that the Deweys stayed in the Rhode Island home for a much longer time than they wanted to stay. Time dulls the edge of criticism and makes people forget, and so the Deweys, not long ago, quietly left the house on the avenue to take up a residence in the great dwelling at Sixteenth and K streets, where Mrs. Dewey resided when she was Mrs. Hazen, and from which Admiral Dewey took her to church to make her his wife.

Admiral Dewey is the ranking officer of the navy and as a full admiral he has a right which belongs to no other man of either service, the right to remain on the active list until he sees fit to retire. From his rank it is expected, and therefore practically necessary, that when the admiral gives an entertainment it shall be a large one. It is only fair to say that the Rhode Island avenue house which was given him by the people was altogether too small for large gatherings.

The old Hazen residence into which the admiral and his wife have moved affords space enough for most elaborate entertainments. A series of dinners already has been announced,

the president shake hands with him is completely eclipsed, and Wells Hawks is tearing his hair over what he regarded as a brilliant play in having Maude Adams take fencing lessons with the president. Hawks is reported to have wired Secretary Loeb asking permission to give a performance of "Peter Pan" in the East room and offering to let the president play Hook the Pirate. Mr. Loeb refused to confirm the report, but the president is said to have begun reading the book of "Peter Pan" aloud, striding up and down the room and declaiming the pirate's lines to Kermit and Quentin, so there is some confidence in the report.

"Dan" Fishell is reported to have wired Loeb immediately after reading the report of Mindi's great stunt. Fishell wants to have a Barnum & Bailey performance in the White House grounds, with the president and the Japanese ambassador selling peanuts and red lemonade, and offers to let Quentin ride a hippopotamus. A counter-offer has been received, it is said, from Brady asking that Ringling Bros. be allowed to set up a monkey house in the East room for the Roosevelt children to play with, and that some special trapeze and acrobatic acts be given in the White House lot under the auspices of Theodore Jr.

England families of great prominence have died out. Over in the "Whispering Gallery" at the capitol, which, by the way, is nothing more or less than the old house of representatives, there is a little piece of metal set in one of the square blocks of the marble flooring and on it are these words: "John Quincy Adams. Here." This is the full inscription. The metal piece marks the spot where Adams fell dead after years of continued service in the house of representatives.

The value of the piece of metal is a few cents. Over in Massachusetts avenue there is the house of an enormously wealthy westerner. He built it, and as a part of the building material he used a block of rock containing many dollars' worth of gold. He glories in it and it is pointed out to Washington visitors. This westerner is a great man—in Washington society—just at present. They say that more people are interested in the millionaire's block of gold than are interested in John Quincy Adams' two inches of bronze. Adams, however, will be alive some centuries after this westerner is dead.

HAS SEVERE TEST

HOW RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE IS "TRIED OUT."

Actual Work on the Road Is Super-seded by Observations Mechanically Made by Engineer in Ordinary Roundhouse.

Engine No. 0000 of the Pennsylvania, the last work of the locomotive builder, rolled out of the construction shops, possessed of the idea that somewhere near by awaited a "Congressional Limited" or a "Pennsylvania Flyer" or a "Pennsylvania Limited" train ready for her. Instead, No. 0000 went on a treadmill to test her power, says an Altoona (Pa.) dispatch to the New York Herald.

Because of the care with which she was built, engine No. 0000 thought that she was about the best thing that ever had been turned out in the locomotive line. Naturally she thumped and snorted when she slid into the big roundhouse in Altoona, with dead engines lying all about her, and climbed up on a peculiar contrivance which seemed to be just so many huge wheels revolving on axles so arranged that a wheel met each of hers. To her wonder an engineer climbed into the cab, two firemen took their position, and soon she found herself humming with all the power of which she was capable. The steam shot into her tubes and chests, her great wheels began to revolve and she found herself running away.

"Oh, dear!" she said, tearfully, "I'll smash something, I'm sure—I'll go through the side of the shop. I'll hurt somebody or I'll hurt myself, I'll—"

She stopped. To her surprise she was doing nothing of the kind. As fast as her wheels revolved so did the wheels upon which she rested. She wasn't going anywhere, and although her driving rod became simply a sheen of steel she remained stationary. She was on the treadmill, as helpless as a kitten, and what was more, she was at the mercy of one man in greasy overalls, who was making her perform as easily as a trainer manages a puppy in vaudeville.

In the old days when an engine was built it was the custom to test her by sending her out on the road. Kipling once wrote a story describing how one of the Pennsylvania's aristocrats was tried out. It was usual then to take the engine, hitch on heavy freight cars, send her out over the line, on levels and tangents, on curves and grades, until she showed what was in her. But nowadays the railroad men want to know more, and they want to know it before they trust a passenger or freight train to her merces.

The man in the overalls got as much out of No. 0000 before he was through with her as a small boy gets out of an orange. When he left her on the tread the first thing he did was to let her wheels revolve to capacity, for in that way he figured the maximum speed. Then he coupled to her an arrangement with a dial attachment and began to test for her pulling power. By a backward pull he made her draw the equivalent of everything from a baggage car to a milelong freight train.

Now she was to all intents and purposes racing over the Jersey meadows, the track clear and the way straight, now she was striking the grade on the other side of Johnstown and panting like a human being in distress. Stronger and stronger grew that backward pull, until No. 0000 found herself slowing up. She begged and squealed and groaned, but the pull was merciless. Slower the wheels revolved and then she stopped—she had reached her limit. She darted forth again, only to be checked, and after a time she was required to start, or try to start, again, with every brake, bar, lock and lever set wrong. This was to learn her starting power—a most important thing in railroad-ing. She got away again and then came down to the fine points of the test.

All the time the engine was pulling and hauling, racing and checking, her steam gauges and water gauges had been telling little stories of their own, and their stories were listened to with interest. They were telling about the pressure of the steam in the boiler, with the amount of water and coal used. They were saying whether the amount of fuel was producing the maximum of steam or whether there was a mistake somewhere. They were telling as plainly as words will whether the boiler was large enough for the grate or the grate too large for the boiler.

Speed and pull and pressure and effectiveness of parts do not end the tests of No. 0000. Another important thing is determined while she is on the treadmill, and that is her best load. It is strange, but true, that engines for some reason never are exactly alike. Once the test was to hitch cars to an engine "until she lay down and cried," as they said; that is, till she could not pull another car over the line marked out. Nowadays they never do that, but by a scientific arrangement of pulleys, levers and wheels strike the mean between too much weight and too little—the exact point where the machine can do its best work, in the shortest time, under the most adverse conditions.

Deepest Underground.

The Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railroad can boast of having the deepest underground station in the world. This is at Hampstead, England, and is 185 feet deep.

MAKE MONEY FOR STATE.

Saxon Railroads Well Run and Pay Good Dividends.

The report for 1906 of the administration of the Saxon state railroads shows them to be as financially successful as the Prussian and Bavarian lines.

Saxony has about £50,000,000 invested in her railways. In 1906 the gross revenue was £7,600,000, an increase of nearly £600,000 for the year. The total outgoings were £5,000,000, an increase of £240,000 over 1905. Thus the net profits to the Saxon government on the working of its railways for 1906 amounted to the substantial sum of £2,600,000, or over five per cent. on the capital. So that all interest and sinking fund charges are easily met and a balance left over in relief of taxation. The Saxon chancellor of the exchequer counts the Saxon state railways, and it may be added, the Saxon state forests, most valuable assets.

As in Prussia, four classes of trains are run, and the workmen's fares are as low as six miles a penny. Railway rates are moderate, and equipment generally good and improving. In particular the station restaurants are a feature. The waiting rooms are restaurants where the ubiquitous German glass of light beer is nearly always indulged in by the waiting passenger. German trains keep good time here as in other parts of the empire, but travel is not so fast as in either England or America. That, of course, is characteristic. The German rarely hurries, but he "gets there" without fail, whether in science or in business.

Saxony has almost precisely the same proportion of train mileage in proportion to population as we have. But while 2,000 miles of Saxon railways are capitalized at \$50,000,000, 20,000 miles of British railways are capitalized at £1,300,000,000. That point, as in the case of Prussia, is the most important which emerges from a study of the Saxon railway figures.—London Daily News.

FAST TIME ON THE RAIL.

Record of Speed Achieved in Various Countries.

The New York World Almanac gives the fastest time on record for a distance of over 440 miles as made by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway from Buffalo to Chicago in June, 1905, 535 miles in 7 hours and 56 minutes, or a speed of 69.69 miles per hour, excluding stops. Among the fastest regular trains in the United States, for a shorter distance are believed to be the New York Central "Empire State Express," between New York and Albany, 143 miles in 156 minutes, and the "Congressional Limited," on the Pennsylvania railroad, which makes the run from Jersey City, N. J., to Washington, a distance of 227 miles, in four hours and 46 minutes. Of long distance runs in France one is made on the Northern railway of France by the Paris-Calais express which runs 185 miles in 184½ minutes or a fraction over a mile a minute, allowing for a stoppage of two and one half minutes at Amiens. The German Railway Journal in the second week of July, 1907, made the claim that the highest speed ever attained had just been made on several trips during that week between Munich and Augsburg, on the Bavarian State railway. The train weight was 150 tons and a speed of 96½ miles an hour was repeatedly maintained for a considerable period.

Causes of Railroad Accidents.

According to the records of the interstate commerce commission there were 7,432 derailments on railroads in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1907. These accidents resulted in the death of 515 persons and the injury of 6,595. This was an increase of 1,871 derailments over the previous year, with a proportionate increase in fatalities and injuries. A study of the causes shows that a little more than two-thirds of these accidents were due to defects in equipment, the remainder to defects in roadway. The trouble is attributed largely to the enormous increase in traffic, which in recent years has exceeded the carrying capacity of the roads, necessitating the use of every car and engine capable of running, and subjecting the permanent structures to unexampled strain.

Rapid and Good Work.

A gang of Great Northern railroad engineers and platelayers one recent Sunday gave a remarkable display of rapid bridge-building, according to an English newspaper. A bridge outside Harrington station over the Midland railway's line had to be widened, and two enormous girders were constructed. During the week supports for the girders were built under the old bridge, and as soon as the heavy traffic of the Saturday night had been dealt with gangs of men, working in relays, pulled up the rails, demolished the old bridge, and carted the debris away. By eight p. m. both girders had been hoisted into position, and at midnight the permanent way was in order again.

Hurt in Peculiar Accident.

A peculiar accident has occurred near Corry, Pa. R. L. Broadway, a Lake Shore brakeman, was badly hurt the other night, when a gale of wind blew the roof off a box car on which he was riding. He sustained a fractured shoulder and internal injuries.

Water Used by Locomotive.

An express engine consumes on an average ten gallons of water per mile.

A Murder of the Mind

By Donald Kennicott

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Surprise was my first feeling—mere stupid, sleepy surprise. I had spent the morning, as usual, in the office; the afternoon, a half holiday, I had passed at the home of my fiancée, a little way out in the country. Returning early in the evening to the boarding house in which I lived, after a few moments chat with my fellow-lodger and prospective brother-in-law, Francis Rand, I had gone upstairs to my own room, retired, and very soon fallen asleep. Now, at what hour of the night I could not know, I had awakened to find myself standing at the head of the stairs, some distance from my own bedroom.

Gradually then, with the realization that I had suffered a recurrence of my old childhood habit of sleep-walking, surprise was replaced by annoyance at the return of a propensity at once perilous, mysterious and absurd. Often in my boyhood, I had been put to shame because of some ridiculous performance of which I had unconsciously been guilty—usually the carrying away of some object from another room to my own; that now I should again have exposed myself to humiliation, was distinctly unpleasant to discover. Yet my own sense of humor was keen, too, and I remember that as I made my way back along the hall to my own room, I even laughed at the ludicrous figure I must have cut, groping my way with outstretched fingers and open, unseeing eyes, along the dim halls of Mrs. Loring's.

I had reached my door and had raised my hand to the knob, when for the first time I became aware that I grasped tightly in my fingers I had been carrying something cold and wet and hard. Entering my room, I closed the door softly behind me, turned up the gas jet, and glanced at the long mirror over the bureau. And therein reflected, I saw the figure of a man which at first I could not recognize as myself—a man partly dressed, with disheveled hair and white, tense features, under which the muscles twitched convulsively. Clutched in his right hand was a dagger; on his shirt-cuff, a dark stain.

For a moment I stood there motionless, while understanding forced itself upon me—a realization that this was no trivial eccentricity of childhood, but that something monstrous had occurred; that under the dominion of some evil genius of the night, I had been guilty of a shocking thing, that guided by some lunatic fiend who had come bat-like to crouch on the throne of my sleeping soul, my hapless and helpless body had been driven to the commission of crime, a crime unknown, unimagined even, doubly horrible.

Sick with fear, my trembling limbs refused their office; unmanned I sank to the floor beside the bed, a huddled, invertebrate heap. For long I crouched there, my flesh benumbed, my tongue pressed close to my palate as against a metal plate, my heart throbbing strangely, with a slow, shuddering pulsation, mind and will and sentence alike obliterated by the crushing weight of the terror that lay upon me. Gradually at last, thought reasserted itself, and a sudden transitory hope—that the blood came from some self-inflicted wound—roused me to struggle against my weakness. The hope proved a vain one—I could not find so much as a scratch upon my person—but with the renewal of movement came a resurgence of courage; and though my brain seemed for the most part still torpid, some one portion, that portion which spurs the cunning of a desperate animal when the dogs are close, awoke to a swift and remitting activity.

I crept softly to the door, opened it an inch or two, and listened breathlessly, but there was no sound in all the house, save the slight noise of the gas jet, turned over high. Closing the door again, I tiptoed stealthily back, and with infinite precaution to insure absolute silence, set about removing the stains with which my nameless crime had marked me. The knife and my hands likewise, I carefully washed at the little lavatory which my room fortunately contained. The shirt I removed, and cutting it into little strips, with great difficulty contrived to stuff them into a slit in my pillow. And the dagger I employed to hollow out for itself a hiding place in the mattress. Then carefully arranging my clothing in a natural disorder, I turned out the gas, slipped swiftly into bed, and pulling the sheet well over me, pressed my hands to my throbbing temples, waiting for the unknown horror that the morning would bring.

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"Tell me," she cried, "is it true? Is it true?"

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Six candidates were initiated into the Rebecca lodge at their last meeting.

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Witness my hand this 27th day of December, A. D. 1907.

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SOCIETY COLUMN

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Jones' He pays the freight. Deliver all drugs and prescriptions Phone 10

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Take your old clothes to Berry at Crowder's Barber shop, he will make them like new.

John McCoy of Stonewall is in Ada today

Clothing half price in our big clearance sale.
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DR. HOLLEY

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GRAND LEADER

Wind Was Cruel.

A steady northern gale has been terrorizing everybody since early Friday morning. It blew hard and fast all day Friday but last night, as John Cleveland, expressed it this morning, "it quit blowing and went to pushing." And it did. This morning reports from over the city indicate that it pushed windows out of buildings, houses off of blocks, boards off of fences, and right through anybody's whiskers that dared confront it. The poor women can scarcely be found venturing out of their homes. Few farmers dared wrestle with the gale either today or yesterday as was evident by the almost depopulated streets today.

Sunday at the Presbyterian.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching morning and evening. Subject in the morning "Justification by Faith." The Sunshine Society meets at 2 p. m. The Christian Endeavor Society meets at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited. I shall see that the house is warm and comfortable.
J. R. BROWNE,
Pastor.

1271 Children.

The census returns of the Ada school district show that there are 1,272 people between the ages of 4 and 21. One hundred and forty of these are outside of the city limits. This is not a bad showing.

At the Methodist.

There will be preaching at the First Methodist church Sunday morning and evening by the pastor. Everybody invited to attend the services and strangers welcomed.
T. L. RIPLEY,
Pastor.

THE "SECRET OF SECRETS"
In Store Advertising.
One of the wisest of men wrote
"Suffer any person to tell us his story, morning and evening, for but a twelve-month, AND HE WILL BECOME OUR MASTER!"
In the above sentence we have, in a nutshell, the INNERMOST SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISING—frequency, and persistence, and unvarying continuity in the telling of the story of store or enterprise. There are many other things to be said of successful advertising, but in the above quotation is found the real philosophy, the real secret—
THE HEART OF THE WHOLE MATTER!

This coupon, properly filled in, is good for ONE vote in the News' \$1,000 SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.
Editor Daily and Weekly News:
I cast ONE VOTE represented in this Coupon in favor of
of
P. O.
Subscriber.



WOMEN'S NOTIONS!

Are many and varied, but we think we can satisfy them all—at least in our line. Suppose you pay us a call and look over our assortment.

HAIR PINS, wire and horn. Back COMBS, side combs, under prices, too.

NEEDLES—Stillwell's best quality 2 papers for 5c

Ladies' Gents', and Children's STOCKINGS.

TOWELS.

DARNING COTTON—Fast black, 2 spools for 5c

Ne-plus-ultra BRASS PINS, 360 pins in a paper, 5c

A line of new and popular WRIST BAGS, 15c, 25c, 30c, 7c and \$1.

SATURDAY NEXT!

We are going to sell some more of those good, serviceable, four-strand brooms at 0c, one to a customer with 25c worth of other goods.

We respectfully thank you for your past patronage, and assure you we shall always endeavor to give you a square deal. We solicit your business.

THE Nickel Store
AND CHINA HALL
S. M. SHAW, Prop.

HON. MORTON RUTHERFORD

The Distinguished Muskogean, Late Candidate for U. S. Senate. In Ada.

Several Ada citizens were delighted to meet Col. Morton Rutherford today who was here on legal business. Mr. Rutherford always engages the greatest respect from all those who witness his activities either before the bar or on the political field. During his candidacy for the U. S. senate his entire course was marked by that dignified and intelligent bearing which reflected most creditably on his supporters among whom were many of the strong democratic minds of the state.

Col Rutherford remains one of the state's leading democratic factors and now when the ascendancy of the national democracy is by no means of doubtful dream, much accomplishment may be safely prospected in behalf of himself and the party by this man of superb militant democratic spirit

Court Recedes.

The district court adjourned today till Monday morning. Most of the morning was consumed in the case of the Rot Cotton Oil Mill vs U. G. Winn. This case was not finished however Jim Eldridge plead not guilty to the charge of assault and his case was set for the 16th inst

The grand jury will also reconvene Monday and resume their duties. To date only two true bills have been returned. These were, Jim Eldridge, assault, and F. M. Richardson, larceny. Several indictments for misdemeanors have been found, but none yet returned

Wedding Tour.

It is reported that the wedding tour of Mr. and Mrs. Garber who were married a week since at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Katz, was early interrupted by a train wreck near Sapulpa in which the happy twain narrowly escaped injury. As it was, it is said they were compelled to walk a mile in a down pour of rain before they could resume their journey, which includes the principle points of interest in the north.

All work done by me is guaranteed to be the best. . . . B. C. BERRY.

Never to Late—75-75.

Leonard Nero, 75, of Maxwell, and Tennessee Stevens, aged 75, colored, have procured license to marry, and if one or both do not die with old age right away, there will be a wedding ceremony soon.

Ora, 11-year-old daughter of Blair Davis at Center, died today of typhoid fever. She was a grand daughter of Mrs. E. M. Caldwell of this city. The funeral services will be conducted in Ada Sunday.

Mrs. Marvia L. Brown and two charming little daughters, Misses Laverne and Moselle, who have been visiting home folks and friends for the past three weeks, returned to their home in Garard, Kan., today.

Miss Alice Jeffers left Friday for Ft. Worth, Tex., her future home. Mrs. Jeffers will follow soon.

Will Corral of Fitzhugh was in today and reports his wife and three children ill.

R. M. Miller, who lives six miles northeast of town was here today and marketed several dozen furs.

License were issued today in favor of Ed Harris of Oakman and Lillie Buck, Ada.

Pate Earnest, near Hird, is ill with bronchitis.

For Mr. Shouldknow.

B Brains,
Skill,
Paper,
Experience,
More Brains,
Ind,
More Skill,
More Experience.

This is the formula for all good printing. While a cheaper concoction can be turned out by omitting the brains and using incompetency as an adulterant for skill and experience, long usage has demonstrated that the above formula is the best.
IVEBEENTHERE, M. D.

To insure the use of the best ingredients and to avoid substitution, this prescription should be taken to
DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWS PRINTING LABORATORY,
Telephone No. 4.
Ada, Oklahoma

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The Old Reliable Coal dealers of Ada are now on the market for your coal trade. Fancy McAlester Lump Coal. Free and prompt delivery, but you must pay the driver for coal, for it is absolutely CASH.

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C. S. ALDRICH

BEST LINE IN ADA

Wall Paper LARGEST LINE
BEST ASSORTMENT
HONEST PRICES

INGRAM PAINT COMPANY

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, Ohio

Sold by all druggists, 75c
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation

Oxaline.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Peroxide makes the blood more bloomer. Oxaline makes the grass grow larger. Spread it on!

The Dallas News.

The Dallas Morning News can be found on sale at the Postoffice news stand and Ramsey's drug store.

Subscribers may get papers at Ramsey's.

If you have not already, do not fail to take in the Grand Leader Original Sale. The store is crowded with eager buyers and in order to take advantage of the rare bargains offered, you will have to come quick.

SHADE TREES.

The season for planting Shade Trees is here and you should beautify your property by planting.
Call on or write
CHARLES RAY,
East 15th St., Ada, Okla.

PRISCO TIME TABLE.

Effective December 1st, 1906.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 508 Eastern Express.....9:58 a. m.
No. 510 Meteor.....4:00 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 509 Meteor.....10:20 a. m.
No. 507 Sherman Express.....8:53 p. m.

ADA STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

Is given up to be best. Do Largest Agency Work of any plant in this Territory.



When you want to enjoy a good appetizing meal at a moderate charge, come to the

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everything strictly first class food served. Once you eat here you'll become a regular patron.

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You'll be healthy and happy if your liver and bowels work naturally. Hel-lister's Rocky Mountain Tea keeps these organs working right, brings robust health to all. Try it now. Tea or Tablets.
G. M. RAMESEY.

The Old

O. K. MEAT MARKET

Is now conducted by Wright Bros., the old-time meat market men of Ada, who will be pleased to meet all their old time customers. Fresh and cured meats. Pure home rendered hog lard. Come in and see us. Courteous treatment. Freshest of meats.

WRIGHT BROS.

Washington Gossip

Interesting Bits of News Picked Up
Here and There at the National Capital

ELOPEMENT IN HIGH LIFE STUNS CAPITAL SOCIETY



WASHINGTON.—Capital society was much cut up by the elopement of Mrs. Alma Marie von Haake Cathcart, wife of the son of a millionaire, with Earl W. Pritchard, an ensign in the navy until dismissed "for the good of the service" after running away with Mrs. Cathcart. It is said the lorn husband, R. Harry Cathcart, Jr., will apply for divorce.

ADMIRAL DEWEY AND WIFE VACATE "GIFT" MANSION



ADMIRAL and Mrs. Dewey have moved. The house on Rhode Island avenue which was presented to the admiral by the American people not long after the Manila bay victory finally has been vacated. Everybody remembers what resentment there was when the admiral made the people's gift over to his wife, and then in the face of the storm another transfer was made and the residence became the property of the admiral's son, or matters were so arranged that it would become his property eventually.

PRESS AGENTS ANXIOUS TO SHOW IN WHITE HOUSE



ALL THE PRESS agents in the country seem to have got excited over Philip Kearney Mindil's success in getting President Roosevelt to donate the East room of the White House for a performance by his new attraction, the Japanese wrestler Hita-chiyama. Only a few days ago Charles Frohman was talking about giving private performances in the White House as a far-off dream, and behold! Mindil has gone and done it. Not only that, but he got the president to bring in the French and Japanese ambassadors, the full tennis cabinet and a quorum of the real cabinet.

The stunt of bringing the Russian Giant to the White House and having

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND A WESTERN MILLIONAIRE



CHARLES F. ADAMS, a descendent of John Quincy Adams, lives on Massachusetts avenue in a house formerly occupied by Bishop Hurst. His brother, Henry Adams, has a home next to that of Mrs. John Hay. You will find descendants of the second president of the United States all over the union, and the smaller number of them hear the name of Adams. It is a prolific family and it is a standing contradiction to the statement that all of the old New

Among the scores of admirers who besieged the Von Haake home was Pritchard, then 21 years old. His athletic figure, more than six feet two inches in height, was notable even among the Washington crowds, where there are so many big, erect men. He was then in his second year at Annapolis, having been appointed by Congressman Overstreet of Indiana. His home was in Indianapolis.

Every time Pritchard obtained leave of absence he ran down to Washington. Every time the Annapolis crew raced—the big middy rowed at number three—Miss Von Haake waved her blue flag and cheered.

A year and a half ago young Cathcart met Miss Von Haake in Philadelphia. He was then a student in the University of Pennsylvania. He took a small part in athletics, too, but he is by no means the striking figure Pritchard is.

Cathcart is a reticent, reserved young man. He was then about 23 years old.

Pretty Miss Von Haake and Cathcart were married last June in Newburgh on the Hudson, the bridegroom's home. Within a month the couple quarreled, but peace was made. In September Cathcart and his bride visited Philadelphia. The husband left the bride at the railway station while he went to look after baggage. When he returned she was gone.

It is not wide of the mark, probably, to say that the Deweys stayed in the Rhode Island home for a much longer time than they wanted to stay. Time dulls the edge of criticism and makes people forget, and so the Deweys, not long ago, quietly left the house on the avenue to take up a residence in the great dwelling at Sixteenth and K streets, where Mrs. Dewey resided when she was Mrs. Hazen, and from which Admiral Dewey took her to church to make her his wife.

Admiral Dewey is the ranking officer of the navy and as a full admiral he has a right which belongs to no other man of either service, the right to remain on the active list until he sees fit to retire. From his rank it is expected, and therefore practically necessary, that when the admiral gives an entertainment it shall be a large one. It is only fair to say that the Rhode Island avenue house which was given him by the people was altogether too small for large gatherings.

The old Hazen residence into which the admiral and his wife have moved affords space enough for most elaborate entertainments. A series of dinners already has been announced,

the president shake hands with him is completely eclipsed, and Wells Hawks is tearing his hair over what he regarded as a brilliant play in having Maude Adams take fencing lessons with the president. Hawks is reported to have wired Secretary Loeb asking permission to give a performance of "Peter Pan" in the East room and offering to let the president play Hook the Pirate. Mr. Loeb refused to confirm the report, but the president is said to have begun reading the book of "Peter Pan" aloud, striding up and down the room and declaiming the pirate's lines to Kermit and Quentin, so there is some confidence in the report.

"Dan" Fishell is reported to have wired Loeb immediately after reading the report of Mindil's great stunt. Fishell wants to have a Barnum & Bailey performance in the White House grounds, with the president and the Japanese ambassador selling peanuts and red lemonade, and offers to let Quentin ride a hippopotamus. A counter-offer has been received, it is said, from Brady asking that Ringling Bros. be allowed to set up a monkey house in the East room for the Roosevelt children to play with, and that some special trapeze and acrobatic acts be given in the White House lot under the auspices of Theodore Jr.

England families of great prominence have died out. Over in the "Whispering Gallery" at the capitol, which, by the way, is nothing more or less than the old house of representatives, there is a little piece of metal set in one of the square blocks of the marble flooring and on it are these words: "John Quincy Adams. Here." This is the full inscription. The metal piece marks the spot where Adams fell dead after years of continued service in the house of representatives.

The value of the piece of metal is a few cents. Over in Massachusetts avenue there is the house of an enormously wealthy westerner. He built it, and as a part of the building material he used a block of rock containing many dollars' worth of gold. He glories in it and it is pointed out to Washington visitors. This westerner is a great man—in Washington society—just at present. They say that more people are interested in the millionaire's block of gold than are interested in John Quincy Adams' two inches of bronze. Adams, however, will be alive some centuries after this westerner is dead.

HAS SEVERE TEST

HOW RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE IS
"TRIED OUT."

Actual Work on the Road is Super-
seded by Observations Mechanically
Made by Engineer in Or-
dinary Roundhouse.

Engine No. 0000 of the Pennsylvania, the last work of the locomotive builder, rolled out of the construction shops, possessed of the idea that somewhere near by awaited a "Congressional Limited" or a "Pennsylvania Flyer" or a "Pennsylvania Limited" train ready for her. Instead, No. 0000 went on a treadmill to test her power, says an Altoona (Pa.) dispatch to the New York Herald.

Because of the care with which she was built, engine No. 0000 thought that she was about the best thing that ever had been turned out in the locomotive line. Naturally she thumped and snorted when she slid into the big roundhouse in Altoona, with dead engines lying all about her, and climbed up on a peculiar contrivance which seemed to be just so many huge wheels revolving on axles so arranged that a wheel met each of hers. To her wonder an engineer climbed into the cab, two firemen took their position, and soon she found herself humming with all the power of which she was capable. The steam shot into her tubes and chests, her great wheels began to revolve and she found herself running away.

"Oh, dear!" she said, tearfully, "I'll smash something, I'm sure—I'll go through the side of the shop I'll hurt somebody or I'll hurt myself, I'll—"

She stopped. To her surprise she was doing nothing of the kind. As fast as her wheels revolved so did the wheels upon which she rested. She wasn't going anywhere, and although her driving rod became simply a sheen of steel she remained stationary. She was on the treadmill, as helpless as a kitten, and what was more, she was at the mercy of one man in greasy overalls, who was making her perform as easily as a trainer manages a puppy in vaudeville.

In the old days when an engine was built it was the custom to test her by sending her out on the road. Kipling once wrote a story describing how one of the Pennsylvania's aristocrats was tried out. It was usual then to take the engine, hitch on heavy freight cars, send her out over the line, on levels and tangents, on curves and grades, until she showed what was in her. But nowadays the railroad men want to know more, and they want to know it before they intrust a passenger or freight train to her mercuries.

The man in the overalls got as much out of No. 0000 before he was through with her as a small boy gets out of an orange. When he left her on the tread the first thing he did was to let her wheels revolve to capacity, for in that way he figured the maximum speed. Then he coupled to her an arrangement with a dial attachment and began to test for her pulling power. By a backward pull he made her draw the equivalent of everything from a baggage car to a milelong freight train.

Now she was to all intents and purposes racing over the Jersey meadows, the track clear and the way straight, now she was striking the grade on the other side of Johnstown and panting like a human being in distress. Stronger and stronger grew that backward pull, until No. 0000 found herself slowing up. She begged and squealed and groaned, but the pull was merciless. Slower the wheels revolved and then she stopped—she had reached her limit. She darted forth again, only to be checked, and after a time she was required to start, or try to start, again, with every brake, bar, lock and lever set wrong. This was to learn her starting power—a most important thing in railroad-ing. She got away again and then came down to the fine points of the test.

All the time the engine was pulling and hauling, racing and checking, her steam gauges and water gauges had been telling little stories of their own, and their stories were listened to with interest. They were telling about the pressure of the steam in the boiler, with the amount of water and coal used. They were saying whether the amount of fuel was producing the maximum of steam or whether there was a mistake somewhere. They were telling as plainly as words will whether the boiler was large enough for the grate or the grate too large for the boiler.

Speed and pull and pressure and effectiveness of parts do not end the tests of No. 0000. Another important thing is determined while she is on the treadmill, and that is her best load. It is strange, but true, that engines for some reason never are exactly alike. Once the test was to hitch cars to an engine "until she lay down and cried," as they said; that is, till she could not pull another car over the line marked out. Nowadays they never do that, but by a scientific arrangement of pulleys, levers and wheels strike the mean between too much weight and too little—the exact point where the machine can do its best work, in the shortest time, under the most adverse conditions.

Deepest Underground.
The Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railroad can boast of having the deepest underground station in the world. This is at Hampstead, England, and is 185 feet deep.

MAKE MONEY FOR STATE.

Saxon Railroads Well Run and Pay
Good Dividends.

The report for 1906 of the administration of the Saxon state railroads shows them to be as financially successful as the Prussian and Bavarian lines.

Saxony has about £50,000,000 invested in her railways. In 1906 the gross revenue was £7,600,000, an increase of nearly £600,000 for the year. The total outgoings were £5,000,000, an increase of £240,000 over 1905. Thus the net profits to the Saxon government on the working of its railways for 1906 amounted to the substantial sum of £2,600,000, or over five per cent. on the capital. So that all interest and sinking fund charges are easily met and a balance left over in relief of taxation. The Saxon chancellor of the exchequer counts the Saxon state railways, and it may be added, the Saxon state forests, most valuable assets.

As in Prussia, four classes of trains are run, and the workmen's fares are as low as six miles a penny. Railway rates are moderate, and equipment generally good and improving. In particular the station restaurants are a feature. The waiting rooms are restaurants where the ubiquitous German glass of light beer is nearly always indulged in by the waiting passenger. German trains keep good time here as in other parts of the empire, but travel is not so fast as in either England or America. That, of course, is characteristic. The German rarely hurries, but he "gets there" without fail, whether in science or in business.

Saxony has almost precisely the same proportion of train mileage in proportion to population as we have. But while 2,000 miles of Saxon railways are capitalized at \$50,000,000, 20,000 miles of British railways are capitalized at £1,300,000,000. That point, as in the case of Prussia, is the most important which emerges from a study of the Saxon railway figures.—London Daily News.

FAST TIME ON THE RAIL.

Record of Speed Achieved in Various Countries.

The New York World Almanac gives the fastest time on record for a distance of over 440 miles as made by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway from Buffalo to Chicago in June, 1906, 536 miles in 7 hours and 56 minutes, or a speed of 69.58 miles per hour, excluding stops. Among the fastest regular trains in the United States, for a shorter distance are believed to be the New York Central "Empire State Express," between New York and Albany, 143 miles in 156 minutes, and the "Congressional Limited," on the Pennsylvania railroad, which makes the run from Jersey City, N. J., to Washington, a distance of 227 miles, in four hours and 48 minutes. Of long distance runs in France one is made on the Northern railway of France by the Paris-Calais express which runs 185 miles in 184½ minutes, or a fraction over a mile a minute, allowing for a stoppage of two and one half minutes at Amiens. The German Railway Journal in the second week of July, 1907, made the claim that the highest speed ever attained had just been made on several trips during that week between Munich and Augsburg, on the Bavarian State railway. The train weight was 150 tons and a speed of 96¼ miles an hour was reportedly maintained for a considerable period.

Causes of Railroad Accidents.
According to the records of the interstate commerce commission there were 7,432 derailments on railroads in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1907. These accidents resulted in the death of 515 persons and the injury of 6,595. This was an increase of 1,871 derailments over the previous year, with a proportionate increase in fatalities and injuries. A study of the causes shows that a little more than two-thirds of these accidents were due to defects in equipment, the remainder to defects in roadway. The trouble is attributed largely to the enormous increase in traffic, which in recent years has exceeded the carrying capacity of the roads, necessitating the use of every car and engine capable of running, and subjecting the permanent structures to unexampled strain.

Rapid and Good Work.
A gang of Great Northern railroad engineers and platelayers one recent Sunday gave a remarkable display of rapid bridge-building, according to an English newspaper. A bridge outside Harringay station over the Midland railway's line had to be widened, and two enormous girders were constructed. During the week supports for the girders were built under the old bridge, and as soon as the heavy traffic of the Saturday night had been dealt with gangs of men, working in relays, pulled up the rails, demolished the old bridge, and carted the debris away. By eight p. m. both girders had been hoisted into position, and at midnight the permanent way was in order again.

Hurt in Peculiar Accident.
A peculiar accident has occurred near Corry, Pa. R. L. Broadwick, a Lake Shore brakeman, was badly hurt the other night, when a gale of wind blew the roof off a box car on which he was riding. He sustained a fractured shoulder and internal injuries.

Water Used by Locomotive.
An express engine consumes on an average ten gallons of water per mile.

A Murder of the Mind

By Donald Kennicott

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Surprise was my first feeling—mere stupid, sleepy surprise. I had spent the morning, as usual, in the office; the afternoon, a half holiday, I had passed at the home of my fiancée, a little way out in the country. Returning early in the evening to the boarding house in which I lived, after a few moments chat with my fellow-lodger and prospective brother-in-law, Francis Rand, I had gone upstairs to my own room, retired, and very soon fallen asleep. Now, at what hour of the night I could not know, I had awakened to find myself standing at the head of the stairs, some distance from my own bedroom.

Gradually then, with the realization that I had suffered a recurrence of my old childhood habit of sleep-walking, surprise was replaced by annoyance at the return of a propensity at once perilous, mysterious and absurd. Often in my boyhood, I had been put to shame because of some ridiculous performance of which I had unconsciously been guilty—usually the carrying away of some object from another room to my own; that now I should again have exposed myself to humiliation, was distinctly unpleasant to discover. Yet my own sense of humor was keen, too, and I remember that as I made my way back along the hall to my own room, I even laughed at the ludicrous figure I must have cut, groping my way with outstretched fingers and open, unseeing eyes, along the dim halls of Mrs. Loring's.

I had reached my door and had raised my hand to the knob, when for the first time I became aware that I grasped tightly in my fingers I had been carrying something cold and wet and hard. Entering my room, I closed the door softly behind me, turned up the gas jet, and glanced at the long mirror over the bureau. And therein reflected, I saw the figure of a man which at first I could not recognize as myself—a man partly dressed, with disheveled hair and white, tense features, under which the muscles twitched convulsively. Clutched in his right hand was a dagger, on his shirt-cuff, a dark stain.

For a moment I stood there motionless, while understanding forced itself upon me—a realization that this was no trivial eccentricity of childhood, but that something monstrous had occurred; that under the dominion of some evil genius of the night, I had been guilty of a shocking thing, that guided by some lunatic fiend who had come bat-like to crouch on the throne of my sleeping soul, my hapless and helpless body had been driven to the commission of crime, a crime unknown, unimagined even, doubly horrible.

Sick with fear, my trembling limbs refused their office, unmanned I sank to the floor beside the bed, a huddled, invertebrate heap. For long I crouched there, my flesh numb, my tongue pressed close to my palate as against a metal plate, my heart throbbing strangely, with a slow, shuddering pulsation, mind and will and sentence alike obliterated by the crushing weight of the terror that lay upon me. Gradually at last, thought reasserted itself, and a sudden transitory hope—that the blood came from some self-inflicted wound—roused me to struggle against my weakness. The hope proved a vain one—I could not find so much as a scratch upon my person—but with the renewal of movement came a resurgence of courage; and though my brain seemed for the most part still torpid, some one portion, that portion which spurs the cunning of a desperate animal when the dogs are close, awoke to a swift and remitting activity.

I crept softly to the door, opened it an inch or two, and listened breathlessly, but there was no sound in all the house, save the slight noise of the gas jet, turned over high. Closing the door again, I tiptoed stealthily back, and with infinite precaution to insure absolute silence, set about removing the stains with which my nameless crime had marked me. The knife and my hands likewise, I carefully washed at the little lavatory which my room fortunately contained. The shirt I removed, and cutting it into little strips, with great difficulty contrived to stuff them into a slit in my pillow. And the dagger I employed to hollow out for itself a hiding place in the mattress. Then carefully arranging my clothing in a natural disorder, I turned out the gas, slipped swiftly into bed, and pulling the sheet well over me, pressed my hands to my throbbing temples, waiting for the unknown horror that the morning would bring.

The dawn came, and as the gray light outlined each familiar object of my room in precisely its accustomed appearance, I almost dared to hope that I had but suffered some extraordinarily vivid and hideous dream. A thin ray of sunlight fell upon the window; the sparrows about the eaves set up their cheerful jargon; upstairs in the attic a door opened and the maid-servant came slowly down the stairs on her way to her morning duties. She passed my door, descended to the floor below, walked leisurely down the hall, and then—

and instinctively realizing that I must imitate the behavior of the others, I sprang from my bed, stumbled out into the hall, and with two or three other half-dressed men, ran down the stairs to the floor below. There at the end of the corridor, crouching almost to her knees with terror, the girl stood before the open door of a gas-lit room, babbling incoherently and pointing with a trembling finger. And within the room, lying fully dressed on his bed, was the contorted, motionless and blood-stained body of Francis Rand.

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Washington Gossip

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R. Harry Cathcart, Jr., will apply for divorce.

The beginning of the romance dates back about three years. Alma Marie von Haake was then 18 years of age and one of the most popular girls in the younger army set in Washington. She lived with her parents in the Hammond Court, a fashionable apartment house. She was, and still is, a dainty, vivacious girl, with a striking mass of chestnut hair.

Among the scores of admirers who besieged the Von Haake home was Pritchard, then 21 years old. His athletic figure, more than six feet two inches in height, was notable even among the Washington crowds, where there are so many big, erect men. He was then in his second year at Annapolis, having been appointed by Congressman Overstreet of Indiana. His home was in Indianapolis.

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Pretty Miss Von Haake and Cathcart were married last June in Newburgh on the Hudson, the bridegroom's home. Within a month the couple quarreled, but peace was made. In September Cathcart and his bride visited Philadelphia. The husband left the bride at the railway station while he went to look after baggage. When he returned she was gone.

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Admiral Dewey is the ranking officer of the navy and as a full admiral he has a right which belongs to no other man of either service, the right to remain on the active list until he sees fit to retire. From his rank it is expected, and therefore practically necessary, that when the admiral gives an entertainment it shall be a large one. It is only fair to say that the Rhode Island avenue house which was given him by the people was altogether too small for large gatherings.

The old Hazen residence into which the admiral and his wife have moved affords space enough for most elaborate entertainments. A series of dinners already has been announced,

the president shake hands with him is completely eclipsed, and Wells Hawks is tearing his hair over what he regarded as a brilliant play in having Maude Adams take fencing lessons with the president. Hawks is reported to have wired Secretary Loeb asking permission to give a performance of "Peter Pan" in the East room and offering to let the president play Hook the Pirate. Mr. Loeb refused to confirm the report, but the president is said to have begun reading the book of "Peter Pan" aloud, striding up and down the room and declaiming the pirate's lines to Kermit and Quentin, so there is some confidence in the report.

"Dan" Fishell is reported to have wired Loeb immediately after reading the report of Mindil's great stunt. Fishell wants to have a Barnum & Bailey performance in the White House grounds, with the president and the Japanese ambassador selling peanuts and red lemonade, and offers to let Quentin ride a hippopotamus. A counter-offer has been received. It is said, from Brady asking that Ringling Bros. be allowed to set up a monkey house in the East room for the Roosevelt children to play with, and that some special trapeze and acrobatic acts be given in the White House lot under the auspices of Theodore Jr.

England families of great prominence have died out. Over in the "Whispering Gallery" at the capitol, which, by the way, is nothing more or less than the old house of representatives, there is a little piece of metal set in one of the square blocks of the marble flooring and on it are these words: "John Quincy Adams. Here." This is the full inscription. The metal piece marks the spot where Adams fell dead after years of continued service in the house of representatives.

The value of the piece of metal is a few cents. Over in Massachusetts avenue there is the house of an enormously wealthy westerner. He built it, and as a part of the building material he used a block of rock containing many dollars' worth of gold. He glories in it and it is pointed out to Washington visitors. This westerner is a great man—in Washington society—just at present. They say that more people are interested in the millionaire's block of gold than are interested in John Quincy Adams' two inches of bronze. Adams, however, will be alive some centuries after this westerner is dead.

ADMIRAL DEWEY AND WIFE VACATE "GIFT" MANSION



his wife, and then in the face of the storm another transfer was made and the residence became the property of the admiral's son, or matters were so arranged that it would become his property eventually.

PRESS AGENTS ANXIOUS TO SHOW IN WHITE HOUSE



was talking about giving private performances in the White House as a far-off dream, and, behold! Mindil has gone and done it. Not only that, but he got the president to bring in the French and Japanese ambassadors, the full tennis cabinet and a quorum of the real cabinet.

The stunt of bringing the Russian Giant to the White House and having

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND A WESTERN MILLIONAIRE



the smaller number of them hear the name of Adams. It is a prolific family and it is a standing contradiction to the statement that all of the old New

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HOW RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE IS
"TRIED OUT."

Actual Work on the Road Is Super-
seded by Observations Mechanically
Made by Engineer in On-
ly Roundhouse.

Engine No. 0000 of the Pennsylvania, the last work of the locomotive builder, rolled out of the construction shops, possessed of the idea that somewhere near by awaited a "Congressional Limited" or a "Pennsylvania Flyer" or a "Pennsylvania Limited" train ready for her. Instead, No. 0000 went on a treadmill to test her power, says an Altoona (Pa.) dispatch to the New York Herald.

Because of the care with which she was built, engine No. 0000 thought that she was about the best thing that ever had been turned out in the locomotive line. Naturally she thumped and snorted when she slid into the big roundhouse in Altoona, with dead engines lying all about her, and climbed up on a peculiar contrivance which seemed to be just so many huge wheels revolving on axles so arranged that a wheel met each of hers. To her wonder an engineer climbed into the cab, two firemen took their position, and soon she found herself humming with all the power of which she was capable. The steam shot into her tubes and chests, her great wheels began to revolve and she found herself running away.

"Oh, dear!" she said, tearfully, "I'll smash something, I'm sure—I'll go through the side of the shop. I'll hurt somebody or I'll hurt myself, I'll—"

She stopped. To her surprise she was doing nothing of the kind. As fast as her wheels revolved so did the wheels upon which she rested. She wasn't going anywhere, and although her driving rod became simply a sheen of steel she remained stationary. She was on the treadmill, as helpless as a kitten, and what was more, she was at the mercy of one man in greasy overalls, who was making her perform as easily as a trainer manages a puppy in vaudeville.

In the old days when an engine was built it was the custom to test her by sending her out on the road. Kipling once wrote a story describing how one of the Pennsylvania's aristocrats was tried out. It was usual then to take the engine, hitch on heavy freight cars, send her out over the line, on levels and tangents, on curves and grades, until she showed what was in her. But nowadays the railroad men want to know more, and they want to know it before they trust a passenger or freight train to her mercuries.

The man in the overalls got as much out of No. 0000 before he was through with her as a small boy gets out of an orange. When he left her on the tread the first thing he did was to let her wheels revolve to capacity, for in that way he figured the maximum speed. Then he coupled to her an arrangement with a dial attachment and began to test her pulling power. By a backward pull he made her draw the equivalent of everything from a baggage car to a mile-long freight train.

Now she was to all intents and purposes racing over the Jersey meadows, the track clear and the way straight, now she was striking the grade on the other side of Johnstown and panting like a human being in distress. Stronger and stronger grew that backward pull, until No. 0000 found herself slowing up. She begged and squealed and groaned, but the pull was merciless. Slower the wheels revolved and then she stopped—she had reached her limit. She darted forth again, only to be checked, and after a time she was required to start, or try to start, again, with every brake, bar, lock and lever set wrong. This was to learn her starting power—a most important thing in railroad-ing. She got away again and then came down to the fine points of the test.

All the time the engine was pulling and hauling, racing and checking, her steam gauges and water gauges had been telling little stories of their own, and their stories were listened to with interest. They were telling about the pressure of the steam in the boiler, with the amount of water and coal used. They were saying whether the amount of fuel was producing the maximum of steam or whether there was a mistake somewhere. They were telling as plainly as words will whether the boiler was large enough for the grate or the grate too large for the boiler.

Speed and pull and pressure and effectiveness of parts do not end the tests of No. 0000. Another important thing is determined while she is on the treadmill, and that is her best load. It is strange, but true, that engines for some reason never are exactly alike. Once the test was to hitch cars to an engine "until she lay down and cried," as they said; that is, till she could not pull another car over the line marked out. Nowadays they never do that, but by a scientific arrangement of pulleys, levers and wheels strike the mean between too much weight and too little—the exact point where the machine can do its best work, in the shortest time, under the most adverse conditions.

Deepest Underground.

The Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railroad, can boast of having the deepest underground station in the world. This is at Hampstead, England, and is 185 feet deep.

MAKE MONEY FOR STATE.

Saxon Railroads Well Run and Pay
Good Dividends.

The report for 1906 of the administration of the Saxon state railroads shows them to be as financially successful as the Prussian and Bavarian lines.

Saxony has about £50,000,000 invested in her railways. In 1906 the gross revenue was £7,600,000, an increase of nearly £600,000 for the year. The total outgoings were £5,000,000, an increase of £340,000 over 1905. Thus the net profits to the Saxon government on the working of its railways for 1906 amounted to the substantial sum of £2,600,000, or over five per cent. on the capital. So that all interest and sinking fund charges are easily met and a balance left over in relief of taxation. The Saxon chancellor of the exchequer counts the Saxon state railways, and, it may be added, the Saxon state forests, most valuable assets.

As in Prussia, four classes of trains are run, and the workmen's fares are as low as six miles a penny. Railway rates are moderate, and equipment generally good and improving. In particular the station restaurants are a feature. The waiting rooms are restaurants where the ubiquitous German glass of light beer is nearly always indulged in by the waiting passenger. German trains keep good time here as in other parts of the empire, but travel is not so fast as in either England or America. That, of course, is characteristic. The German rarely hurries, but he "gets there" without fail, whether in science or in business.

Saxony has almost precisely the same proportion of train mileage in proportion to population as we have. But while 2,000 miles of Saxon railways are capitalized at \$50,000,000, 20,000 miles of British railways are capitalized at £1,300,000,000. That point, as in the case of Prussia, is the most important which emerges from a study of the Saxon railway figures.—London Daily News.

FAST TIME ON THE RAIL.

Record of Speed Achieved in Various
Countries.

The New York World Almanac gives the fastest time on record for a distance of over 440 miles as made by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway from Buffalo to Chicago in June, 1905, 536 miles in 7 hours and 56 minutes, or a speed of 69.69 miles per hour, excluding stops. Among the fastest regular trains in the United States, for a shorter distance are believed to be the New York Central "Empire State Express," between New York and Albany, 143 miles in 156 minutes, and the "Congressional Limited," on the Pennsylvania railroad, which makes the run from Jersey City, N. J., to Washington, a distance of 227 miles, in four hours and 48 minutes. Of long distance runs in France one is made on the Northern railway of France by the Paris-Calais express which runs 186 miles in 184½ minutes, or a fraction over a mile a minute, allowing for a stoppage of two and one half minutes at Amiens. The German Railway Journal in the second week of July, 1907, made the claim that the highest speed ever attained had just been made on several trips during that week between Munich and Augsburg, on the Bavarian State railway. The train weight was 150 tons and a speed of 96½ miles an hour was repeatedly maintained for a considerable period.

Causes of Railroad Accidents.
According to the records of the interstate commerce commission there were 7,432 derailments on railroads in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1907. These accidents resulted in the death of 515 persons and the injury of 6,595. This was an increase of 1,871 derailments over the previous year, with a proportionate increase in fatalities and injuries. A study of the causes shows that a little more than two-thirds of these accidents were due to defects in equipment, the remainder to defects in roadway. The trouble is attributed largely to the enormous increase in traffic, which in recent years has exceeded the carrying capacity of the roads, necessitating the use of every car and engine capable of running, and subjecting the permanent structures to unexampled strain.

Rapid and Good Work.

A gang of Great Northern railroad engineers and platelayers one recent Sunday gave a remarkable display of rapid bridge-building, according to an English newspaper. A bridge outside Harringay station over the Midland railway's line had to be widened, and two enormous girders were constructed. During the week supports for the girders were built under the old bridge, and as soon as the heavy traffic of the Saturday night had been dealt with gangs of men, working in relays, pulled up the rails, demolished the old bridge, and carted the debris away. By eight p. m. both girders had been hoisted into position, and at midnight the permanent way was in order again.

Hurt in Peculiar Accident.

A peculiar accident has occurred near Corry, Pa. R. L. Broadwick, a Lake Shore brakeman, was badly hurt the other night, when a gale of wind blew the roof off a box car on which he was riding. He sustained a fractured shoulder and internal injuries.

Water Used by Locomotive.

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A Murder of the Mind

By Donald Kennicott

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Surprise was my first feeling—mere stupid, sleepy surprise. I had spent the morning, as usual, in the office; the afternoon, a half holiday, I had passed at the home of my fiancée, a little way out in the country. Returning early in the evening to the boarding house in which I lived, after a few moments chat with my fellow-lodger and prospective brother-in-law, Francis Rand, I had gone upstairs to my own room, retired, and very soon fallen asleep. Now, at what hour of the night I could not know, I had awakened to find myself standing at the head of the stairs, some distance from my own bedroom.

Gradually then, with the realization that I had suffered a recurrence of my old childhood habit of sleep-walking, surprise was replaced by annoyance at the return of a propensity at once perilous, mysterious and absurd. Often in my boyhood, I had been put to shame because of some ridiculous performance of which I had unconsciously been guilty—usually the carrying away of some object from another room to my own; that now I should again have exposed myself to humiliation, was distinctly unpleasant to discover. Yet my own sense of humor was keen, too, and I remember that as I made my way back along the hall to my own room, I even laughed at the ludicrous figure I must have cut, groping my way with outstretched fingers and open, unseeing eyes, along the dim halls of Mrs. Lorine's.

I had reached my door and had raised my hand to the knob, when for the first time I became aware that I grasped tightly in my fingers I had been carrying something cold and wet and hard. Entering my room, I closed the door softly behind me, turned up the gas jet, and glanced at the long mirror over the bureau. And therein reflected, I saw the figure of a man which at first I could not recognize as myself—a man partly dressed, with disheveled hair and white, tense features, under which the muscles twitched convulsively. Clutched in his right hand was a dagger, on his shirt-cuff, a dark stain.

For a moment I stood there motionless, while understanding forced itself upon me—a realization that this was no trivial eccentricity of childhood, but that something monstrous had occurred; that under the dominion of some evil genius of the night, I had been guilty of a shocking thing, that guided by some lunatic fiend who had come bat-like to crouch on the throne of my sleeping soul, my hapless and helpless body had been driven to the commission of crime, a crime unknown, unimagined even, doubly horrible.

Sick with fear, my trembling limbs refused their office, unmanned I sank to the floor beside the bed, a huddled, invertebrate heap. For long I crouched there, my flesh benumbed, my tongue pressed close to my palate as against a metal plate, my heart throbbing strangely, with a slow, shuddering pulsation, mind and will and sentence alike obliterated by the crushing weight of the terror that lay upon me. Gradually at last, thought reasserted itself, and a sudden transitory hope—that the blood came from some self-inflicted wound—roused me to struggle against my weakness. The hope proved a vain one—I could not find so much as a scratch upon my person—but with the renewal of movement came a resurgence of courage; and though my brain seemed for the most part still torpid, some one portion, that portion which spurs the cunning of a desperate animal when the dogs are close, awoke to a swift and remitting activity.

I crept softly to the door, opened it an inch or two, and listened breathlessly, but there was no sound in all the house, save the slight noise of the gas jet, turned over high. Closing the door again, I tiptoed stealthily back, and with infinite precaution to insure absolute silence, set about removing the stains with which my nameless crime had marked me. The knife and my hands likewise, I carefully washed at the little lavatory which my room fortunately contained. The shirt I removed, and cutting it into little strips, with great difficulty contrived to stuff them into a slit in my pillow. And the dagger I employed to hollow out for itself a hiding place in the mattress. Then carefully arranging my clothing in a natural disorder, I turned out the gas, slipped swiftly into bed, and pulling the sheet well over me, pressed my hands to my throbbing temples, waiting for the unknown horror that the morning would bring.

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